

MINUTES OF MEETING
RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MAY 12, 2006

Members Present: David O'Melia, John Young, Andrew Smith

Others Present: Paul Spencer, Brian Desmond, Robert Bruso

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in the first floor conference room at the Oneida County Courthouse. He noted that the meeting had been posted in accordance with the WI Open Meeting Laws and that the room is accessible to persons with functional limitations.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Smith second O'Melia and all aye vote.

Minutes of May 5, 2006 were accepted on a motion by Young second Smith and unanimous aye vote.

The committee discussed the issue of recruiting citizen members for committees and commissions. Mr. Spencer stated that he would like to see a standardized process put into place so that all committees and department heads operate the same. A countywide procedure would be both more professional and accountable. He also stated that a staff person(s) should not be responsible for selecting citizen members but should only assist the Committee of Jurisdiction Chair or County Board Chair in the recruiting and selection process. Bruso reported that at the present time, there are approximately 80 citizen members serving on eleven or more county committee/commissions. After further discussion, a motion was made by Smith seconded by Young directing Mr. Spencer and Bruso to inquire as to how other counties recruit such members and to draft a policy for the committee to review. Motion carried.

The committee then reviewed the resolutions included in the County Board packet and the following: Resolutions #36/2006 through #41/2006 were approved as to format and a motion to forward them to the board for consideration on May 16 was made by Smith seconded by O'Melia and passed. Resolution/Ordinance Amendment #42/2006 was discussed. Bruso noted that he had discussed with Zoning Administrator Karl Jennrich that the resolution was not "technically correct" in that the board is nor being requested to take any action (line 1293 and after). Also lines 1301-1303 need not be included as the board is not being requested to amend the district boundary map or change a zoning district. O'Melia suggested returning the resolution to the P & Z Committee. Smith felt that the resolution should be forwarded with some corrections. (the text of the ordinance needs to be inserted after line 1293-NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED.....) Line 1301-1303 should be amended to end after line 1301. Motion by Smith second Young that the resolution is not in the proper format but should be reviewed and amended (on the board floor) as discussed. Motion carried. The Clerk and Zoning Administrator will consult with the P & Z Committee Chair to ensure the correct amendments.

The County Board meeting agenda was then reviewed. Bruso stated that Professor Larry Larmer had given a presentation to the board regarding the use of agendas. Some wording such as "discuss and act" or "discuss" may not be necessary on agendas or may be limiting in that, in some instances, no action may be taken on an issue. Other wording such as "Unfinished Business" and "Discuss and Act on items for future agendas" are probably not prudent on an agenda. A motion was made by O'Melia seconded by young to have the Clerk and Brian Desmond review Larmer and offer a draft agenda. Motion carried.

There was no public comment and the next resolutions review meeting will be June 16 at 8:30 am.

A motion to adjourn was made by O'Melia seconded by Smith and passed.

David O'Melia

Robert Bruso